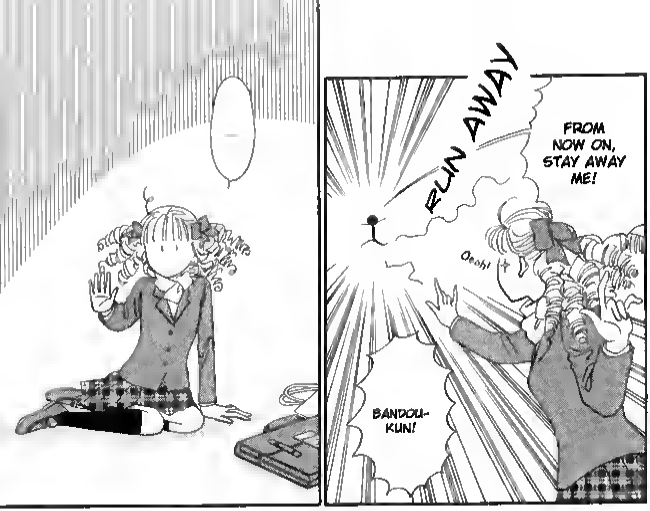
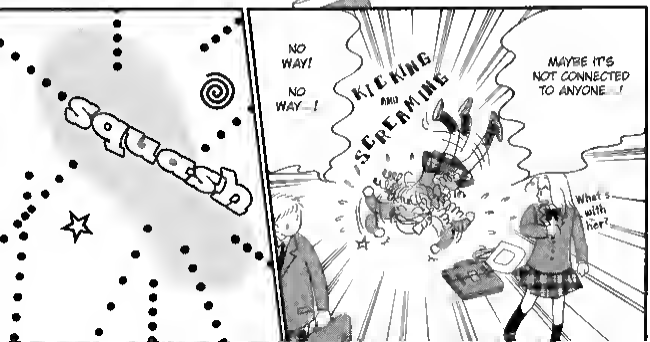
Love Me♡Darling

HUH?
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
I SAID...
...YOUR LOVE IS SMOTHERING ME
I MEAN, YOUR HOMEMADE LUNCHES UPSET MY STOMACH YOU MAKE ME SWEATERS WITH CRAZY DESIGNS YOU READ LOVE POEMS TO ME EVERY DAY YOU CALL ME EVERY NIGHT, WANTING TO TALK ABOUT "MY FEELINGS." ALL OF IT...! EVERYTHING! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!
I DIDN'T TRY HARD ENOUGH?
NO!
YOU MEAN...


RUN AWAY
FROM NOW ON, STAY AWAY ME!
Ohnh!
BANDOU-KUN!

I EVEN BELIEVED HE WAS MY PRINCE CHARMING!
OH MY GOD !
WHO IS CONNECTED TO THIS RED THREAD ON MY LITTLE FINGER ?
DID I JUST GET DUMPED AGAIN ?

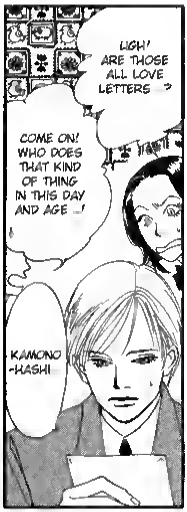

Splash
NO WAY!
NO WAY...!
KICKING AND SCREAMING
MAYBE IT'S NOT CONNECTED TO ANYONE...!
What's with her?

HA...
S-SORRY.
I DIDN'T THINK THERE'D BE ANYONE LYING ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD...
HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHA...
HOW... DARE... YOU... STEP ON ME...?
OH
HOW DARE YOU KICK A BROKEN-HEARTED WOMAN WHEN SHE'S DOWN?!
DAMN YOU TO HELL!
HUH?
squish♡

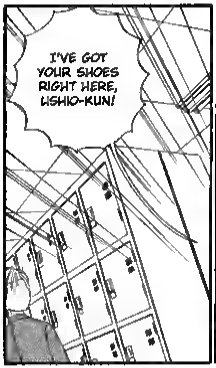
OH I GET IT!
MY BREAKUP WITH BANDOU-KUN WAS JUST A PRELUDE TO THIS NEW ENCOUNTER
OOOH THIS GUY IS DEFINITELY DESTINED TO BE MY PRINCE CHARMING!
ARE YOU OKAY?
DID YOU HIT YOUR HEAD?
U UH
OH MY GOD!
OH MY GOD
HE'S SO COOL!
I DON'T CARE! I DON'T CARE!
SEE, I CAN KEEP JUMPING SIDEWAYS!
Look!
Look!
hop
hop
hop
Hey! You're blocking the way!
AND YOU ARE?
I'M MAMI KAMONOHASHI, SECOND YEAR, CLASS B, TETSUKANNON HIGH SCHOOL!

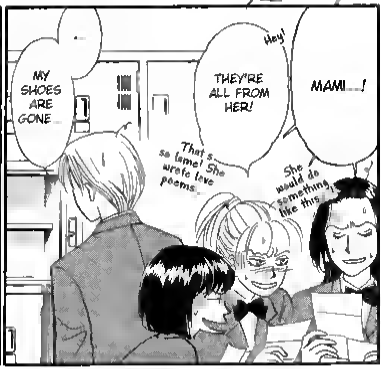
OOH! ♡
THIS IS USHIO SHIRONAGASU -KUN. HE JUST TRANSFERRED TO OUR SCHOOL.
Yay!
USHIO-KU-N' ♡
THIS... THIS IS NOTHING SHORT OF DIVINE INTERVENTION!
HE'S BEEN ASSIGNED TO MY CLASS! ♡
Looks like he knows it!
Ush'y is cute!
OH...
YOU'RE THE GIRL FROM THIS MORNING

BACK OFF, MAMI!
YEAH...! GO CHASE AFTER SANDOU -KUN!
Aaagh!
BAM!
GET LOST!
BUSTLE
BUSTLE
CHATTER
CHATTER
BACK OFF! I'M ON DAY DUTY!
HEY! I'M A MEMBER OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL! THAT'S MY JOB!
SHIRONAGASU -KUN! LET ME SHOW YOU AROUND THE SCHOOL! ♡
Grrrrr
GrrrrrAlless assumptions
WE ALL THINK OUR RED THREADS OF DESTINY ARE TIED TO HIM...!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN GET CLOSE TO HIM
DAMN THIS ISN'T GOOD.
ding...
ding...
ding...
I'LL JUST HAVE TO EXPRESS MY LOVE IN MY OWN SPECIAL WAY...
NO! DON'T GIVE UP! GO FOR IT, MAMI!!


UGH! ARE THOSE ALL LOVE LETTERS...?
COME ON! WHO DOES THAT KIND OF THING IN THIS DAY AND AGE...!
KAMONO-HASHI

OPEN
Waterfall...


I'VE GOT YOUR SHOES RIGHT HERE, USHIO-KUN!


MY SHOES ARE GONE...
THEY'RE ALL FROM HER!
Hey!
MAMI...!
That's so lame! She wrote love poems...
She would do something like this.

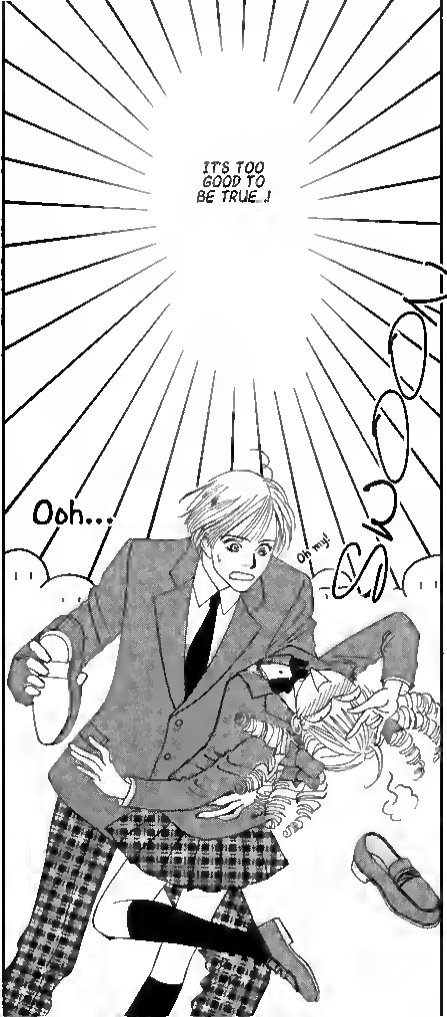
HA HA HA HA HA HA...
Ugh!
W... WHAT IS SHE DOING?!
Ha
I CAN'T HELP IT IF I STUMBLED ACROSS THEM.
Didn't the girl say they're right here?
Stumbled across them?
THAT'S RIGHT.
See?
THE TRUTH IS... I WAS KEEPING YOUR SHOES WARM WHILE NO ONE WAS LOOKING...
Huh?
I'M SURE YOU'LL FEEL THE WARMTH OF MY HEART WHEN YOU WEAR THEM!
SO... HERE YOU ARE!
Please take them
Looks like they're a couple
What the hell...?
Bastard

touch
U...
ISHIO-KUN...?
YOUR HANDS ARE CHILLED TO THE BONE
HUH?!
COMMOTION!
WERE YOU WAITING FOR ME IN THE COLD HALLWAY ALL THIS TIME...?
Sparkle
Sparkle
U...
U...
ISHIO-KUN...?
GA-TSUUN!
GA-TSUUN!
GA-TSUUN!
THANK YOU...
IT'S...
MAYBE SOMEONE LIKE YOU...
...COULD LOVE ALL OF ME...

"Love Me Darling"

Yes
I made a sudden departure and drew a silly comedy. It's hard to imagine a pretty boy like Ushio kun and a girly-girl like Mami-chan in 1998... How fabulous! (No one says it to me so I'll say it myself.)

I've always known that drawing comics was my life calling...but like everyone else, I go through slumps and I lose my sense of of purpose. (Every so often...) during these times, I get the urge draw silly comedies like this. I see myself in a new light and think "Oh...maybe I'm meant to draw comedic oneshots." But then, eventually, I start wanting to draw extremely depressing things again. Oh well. What can I do?

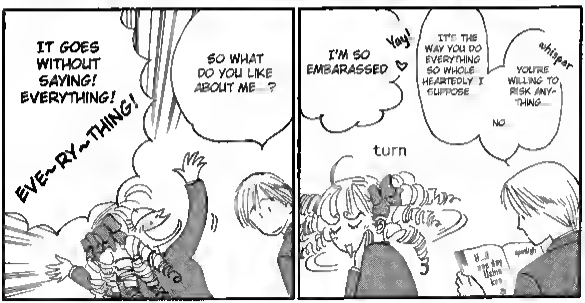


CLENCH
NO WAY! THIS PISSES ME OFF!
WHY...OF ALL PEOPLE... WOULD USHIO -SAMA CHOOSE A GIRL WHO'S SO OLD-FASHIONED
I ♡ USHIO
AND AFTER WE FORMED A FAN CLUB!
See? I even made a headband!
OH IT'S LIKE A DREAM...
I'M GOING OUT WITH A COOL GUY LIKE USHIO -KUN... ♡
USHIO LOVE
HERE, USHIO-KUN! I MADE LUNCH!
USHIO
MAMI

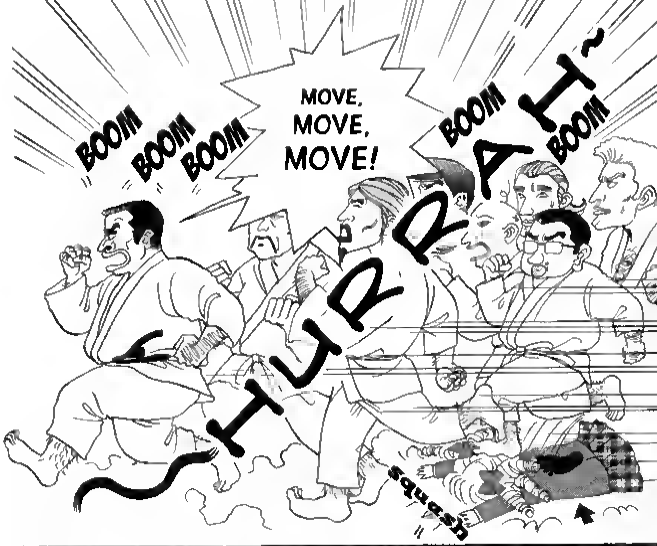
smile
YEAH
IT'S DELI-CIOUS
SO...?
DO YOU LIKE IT?
CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP
chomp
CHOMP
I'M SO HAPPY!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE HAS CALLED MY LUNCHES DELICIOUS...!
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT MY MOTHER TELLS ME.
ANYONE EVER TOLD YOU YOU GOT SOME MESSED UP TASTES BUDS?
WH...
WHAT'S WRONG?
BANG
AAARGH!
Ooh!

OOH...
I WONDER IF IT'S OKAY TO BE SO HAPPY.!

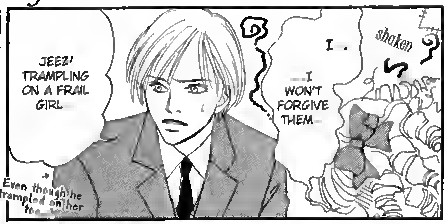
...WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT ME?
HEY!
LISHIO-KUN


IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING! EVERYTHING!
EVE~RY~THING!
SO WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT ME...?
I'M SO EMBARRASSED
Yay!
IT'S THE WAY YOU DO EVERYTHING SO WHOLE HEARTEDLY I SUPPOSE
whisper
YOU'RE WILLING TO RISK ANY-THING...
NO
turn
5

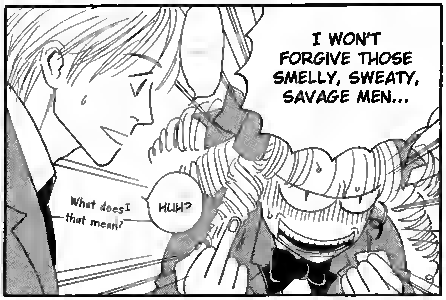
BECAUSE... BECAUSE...
I ADORE EVERY SINGLE PART OF THE ONE I LOVE...
AH, THERE'S NO END TO IT!
YOUR SORROWFUL ALMOND EYES... YOUR SILKY HAIR... YOUR LONG WHITE FINGERS... YOUR SLENDER FRAME...
Ta da!
MAMI
LISHIO -KUN
hee hee
NO -! YOU'RE TOO POLITE LISHIO -KUN
CALL ME "MAMI"
EVERY SINGLE PART OF ME...?
REALLY? KAMONO-HASHI-SAN


BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
MOVE, MOVE, MOVE!
BOOM
BOOM
HUPRAH~
squash

ARE...
...ARE YOU OKAY?
HUHH
YOUR LIVES ARE IN DANGER BECAUSE YOU'RE SO WEAK!
THE JUDO CLUB,
AN UNPOPULAR MILITANT NATION
WE DON'T CARE ABOUT SILLY COUPLES.
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM



Thank you for reading so far. I hope we'll meet again in the promised third volume



GOD, WHY?! SOMEBODY TEACH THOSE FILTHY ANIMALS A LESSON!
AAAAH!
Oh, are you okay?
You weren't hurt when they stepped on you, were you?

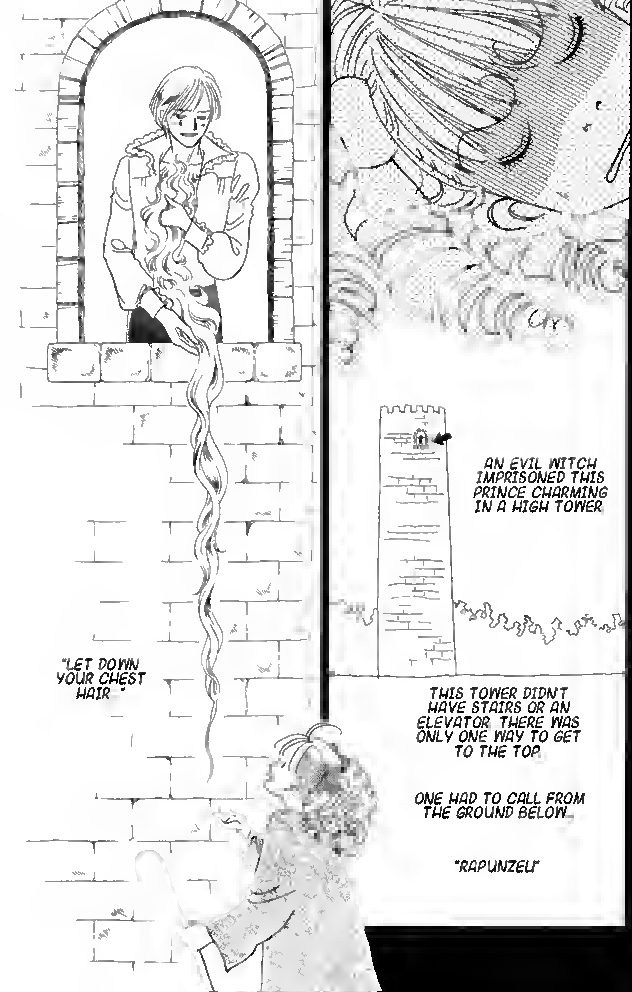
I WILL NEVER FORGIVE THEM FOR NEGLECTING SUCH THINGS!
WHY IS IT THAT THOSE GUYS CUT THE HAIR ON THEIR HEADS SO SHORT, BUT WON'T SHAVE THE HAIR ON THEIR LEGS, UNDERARMS, CHESTS AND BELLIES?!
I ESPECIALLY WON'T FORGIVE THE GUYS WITH HAIRY CHESTS!
HUH? WHAT'S THE MATTER, USHIO-KUN?
YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD
OH NOTHING
NOTHING REAL-LY
USHIO-KUN IS SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?
Kiyoclad
IF YOU TELL ME TO DRINK, I'LL DRINK AN ENTIRE BOTTLE OF SOY SAUCE IN ONE GULP!
NO
Look!
Look!
Look!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT
TELL ME ANYTHING! I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU, USHIO-KUN!
IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN DO?

I wasn't expecting this...!
Ta da!
I STAYED UP ALL NIGHT KNITTING A SWEATER FOR YOU, USHIO-KUN ♡
LOOK!
LOVE
USHIO
UH...
OH
THERE'S A BUTTON COMING OFF YOUR SHIRT USHIO-KUN ♡
♡ OH MY!
giggle
UH...
First take off your vest!
OK
TRY IT ON! TRY IT ON! I'M SURE IT WILL LOOK GOOD ON YOU ♡
GRAB
GLOW
AAH!
W... WAIT A MINUTE. TIME OUT!
I'LL FIX IT FOR YOU!
TAKE IT OFF! TAKE IT OFF!

flowing hair
Heh...
SO YOU'VE FINALLY SEEN IT...
MY SECRET

Fluffy
Fluffy
WHEN I WAS IN MY SECOND YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH, THIS BRISTLY HAIR APPEARED. I SHAVED AND SHAVED BUT, TO MY GREAT DISTRESS IT JUST CONTINUED GROWING
Fluffy
SEE... I'M ONE OF THOSE GUYS WITH A HAIRY CHEST THAT YOU HATE SO MUCH
BUT, MAYBE YOU'RE THE TYPE WHO COULD LOVE ME... ...DESPITE MY HAIRY CHEST...
MAMI...?

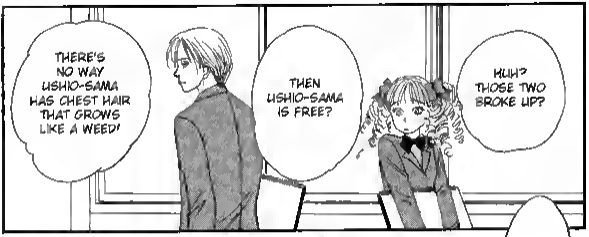
ONCE UPON A TIME IN A FARAWAY LAND THERE LIVED A BEAUTIFUL PRINCE CHARMING
THUD
LOVE
USAKO


AN EVIL WITCH IMPRISONED THIS PRINCE CHARMING IN A HIGH TOWER.
THIS TOWER DIDN'T HAVE STAIRS OR AN ELEVATOR. THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO GET TO THE TOP.
ONE HAD TO CALL FROM THE GROUND BELOW.
"RAPUNZEL!"
"LET DOWN YOUR CHEST HAIR."

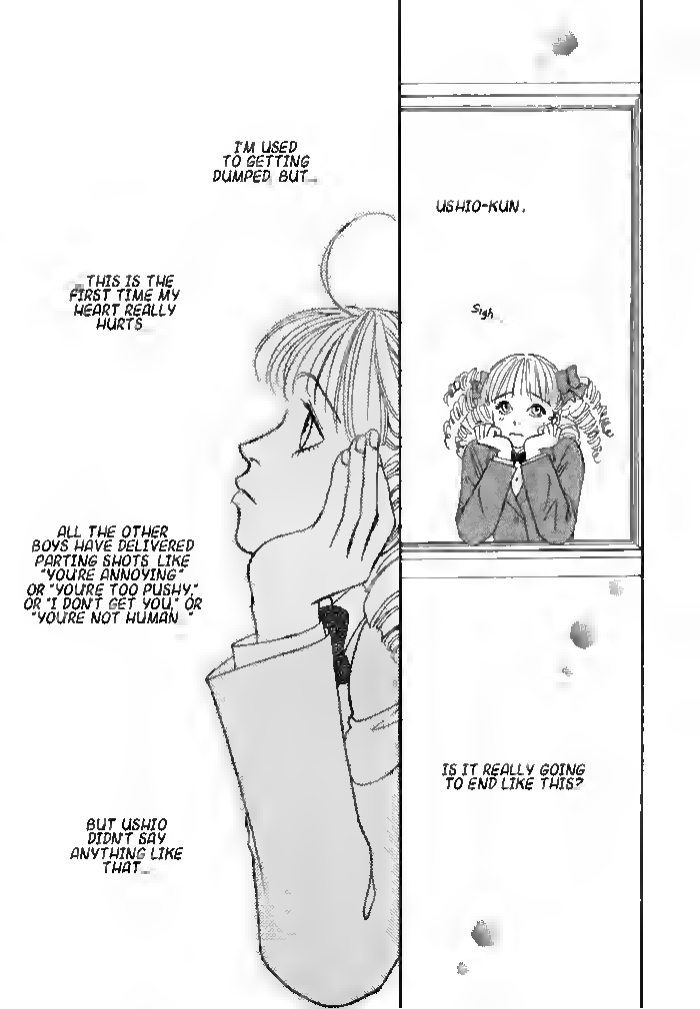
SITS UP
NO WAY! I JUST HAD THE CRAZIEST DREAM...!
ARE YOU AWAKE?
GASP
HUH?
USHIO-KUN
I GUESS
WE SHOULD BREAK UP...
UH
IT IT JUST
UM
SURPRISED ME A LITTLE

B...BUT IT'S OKAY! CHEST HAIR ISN'T A SERIOUS FLAW IF YOU SHAVE IT EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE!
Right, right?
Sigh
I CAN'T DO THAT...
MY CHEST HAIR IS SO TENACIOUS THAT IF I SHAVE IT IN THE MORNING, BY THE EVENING IT COMES BACK IN THICK TUFTS...
THAT'S WHY...
...I'M LOOKING FOR A GIRL WHO WILL LOVE ME, DESPITE MY HAIRY CHEST.
USHIO-KUN...
GOOD-BYE.
I HOPE YOU FIND A COOL BOYFRIEND WITHOUT A HAIRY CHEST...

HEY, HEY! DID YOU HEAR?
RUMOR HAS IT THAT PRETTY BOY USHIO SHIRONAGASU-SAMA, HAS GOT A HAIRY CHEST!
NO WAAAAY! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
APPARENTLY, SOMEONE SAW IT!
AND THAT'S WHY HE AND MAMI BROKE UP!


THERE'S NO WAY USHIO-SAMA HAS CHEST HAIR THAT GROWS LIKE A WEED!
THEN USHIO-SAMA IS FREE?
HUH? THOSE TWO BROKE UP?

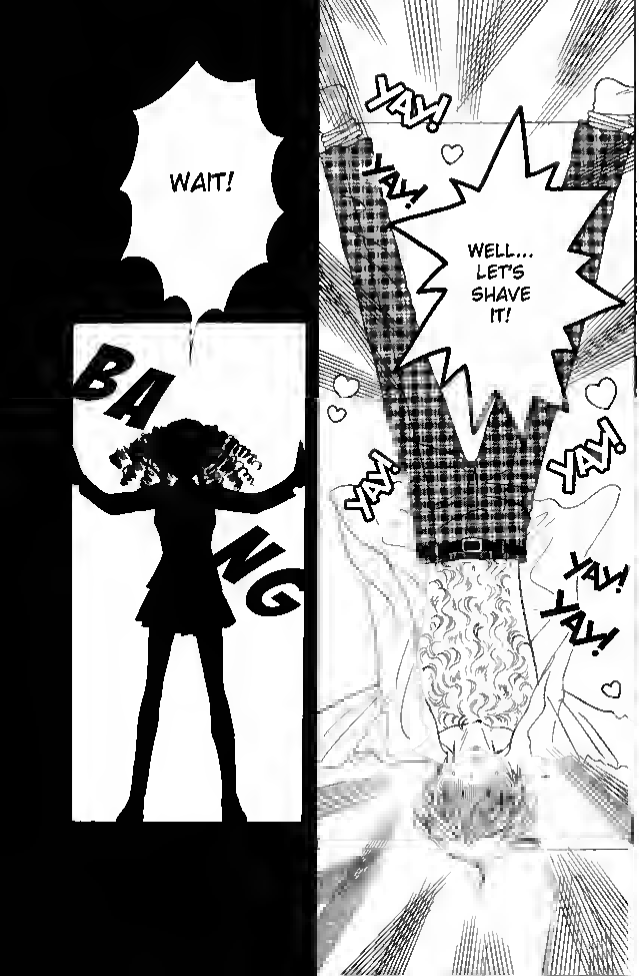
I ♡ USHIO
...WE'LL JUST HAVE TO ASCERTAIN THE TRUTH!
All right!
ANYWAY!
SINCE WE'RE THE "USHIO-SAMA FAN CLUB"
♡USHIO
♡USHIO


I'M USED TO GETTING DUMPED BUT...
USHIO-KUN.
Sigh
...THIS IS THE FIRST TIME MY HEART REALLY HURTS
ALL THE OTHER BOYS HAVE DELIVERED PARTING SHOTS LIKE "YOU'RE ANNOYING" OR "YOU'RE TOO PUSHY," OR "I DON'T GET YOU," OR "YOU'RE NOT HUMAN."
IS IT REALLY GOING TO END LIKE THIS?
BUT USHIO DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING LIKE THAT...

USHIO-KUN SAID THAT HE LOVED ME...
EVEN THOUGH I'M DEFINITELY
FOOLISH AND ANNOYING
AND NOW IT'S TOO LATE FOR ME
Sigh...
HE LOOKED SO HURT
HUH?
OVER THERE BY THE CHEMISTRY LAB...?
WHAT'S HE DOING THERE AFTER SCHOOL...?
MOREOVER...
WHY IS HE SURROUNDED BY MY ARCHENEMIES, THE "USHIO-SAMA FANCLUB...?"
When did this happen...?
WHAT THE HELL...?
IS THAT USHIO-KUN...?

SHIVER
SHIVER
I'M NOT SURE WHAT IT IS BUT...
SHIVER...
SHIVER
FOR SOME REASON I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING...
OH, WHAT'S THIS?!
CHEMISTRY LAB
I WANTED TO BELIEVE THE RUMORS WEREN'T TRUE, BUT...
...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
STEP
...MY INSTINCTS TELL ME THAT USHIO-KUN IS IN DANGER!

Alas!
THE LOVELY USHIO-SAMA'S CHEST...
...IS COVERED WITH BRISTLY HAIR!
USHIO
USHIO
USHIO
USHIO
IT'S OKAY. DON'T BE AFRAID
IF YOU DON'T GIVE US ANY TROUBLE IT'LL BE ALL OVER SOON
You're hot even when you're scared
HAHAHAHAHAHA...
GLINT!
GULP
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO ME...?

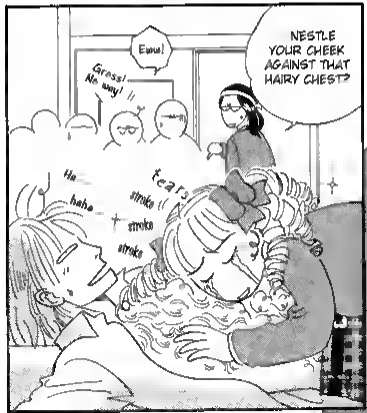

WAIT!
BANG
YAY!
YAY!
WELL... LET'S SHAVE IT!
YAY!
YAY!
YAY!
YAY!

IT DOESN'T MATTER!
..ACTING LIKE USHIO-KUN'S CHEST IS DISGUSTING!
YOU ALL ARE TERRIBLE...!
USHIO
MAMI!
..BUT USHIO-KUN CAN'T HELP IT IF HE HAS THICK CHEST HAIR!
OF COURSE, I WAS SHOCKED AT FIRST...
GET LOST, BITCH!
YEAH! YEAH!
IF IT'S THE CHEST HAIR OF THE MAN I LOVE, I'LL TREASURE IT!
AND WHAT'S WRONG WITH HAVING CHEST HAIR ANYWAY?
GEEZ! DIDN'T YOU DUMP HIM BECAUSE YOU HATED HIS HAIRY CHEST?
USHIO
USHIO

FLUMP
I'LL PROTECT [illegible] CHEST HAIR WITH ALL MY MIGHT!
MAMI
silence
T♡USHIO

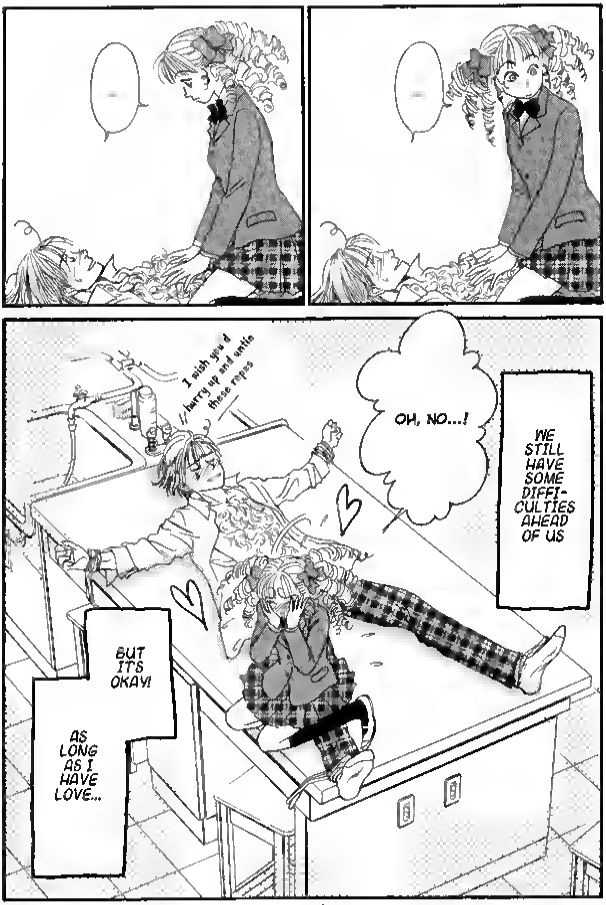
I HOPE YOU GUYS ARE HAPPY TOGETHER
tairu
HUUH?
HOLD ON! ARE YOU JUST GOING TO GIVE UP SO EASILY?

WELL, COULD YOU GUYS


Eww!
Gross! No way!
NESTLE YOUR CHEEK AGAINST THAT HAIRY CHEST?
tears
stroke
stroke
stroke
ha
haha

Sigh
YOU WIN...

MAMI
IT REALLY DOESN'T BOTHER YOU?
THANK GOD!
YOUR CHEST HAIR IS SAFE, USHIO-KUN
IT'S STRANGE
WHEN IT'S YOUR BODY, USHIO-KUN, EVEN IF IT'S HAIRY, I LOVE IT ♡
SWIRL...
HAHA!
WELL, IF IT WAS ANYONE ELSE'S CHEST HAIR, I'D PROBABLY FEEL SICK AND FAINT BUT
HUH?
My inner half is ah...
WOULD YOU MIND BACKING OFF A LITTLE?
UH MAMI
Heeh
UM


I wish you'd hurry up and untie these ropes
OH, NO...!
WE STILL HAVE SOME DIFFI-CULTIES AHEAD OF US
BUT IT'S OKAY!
AS LONG AS I HAVE LOVE...

"Love Me♡ Darling" -END-

Love Me Darling

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